

The bullock fully represents the character of Christ's sacrifice in this aspect for us. Then our sins, when we were alive in the flesh, have been put away, and we are reckoned dead, and he that has died is justified from sin (Rom. vi. 7, 11.) The whole nature of the flesh and its deeds are viewed as a past existence, the moment Christ rose, which is actually realized when we put off the old man and put on the new.

As all my sins were future when He died for them, so, when once I am not in the flesh, all that belongs to it faith looks on as past, as to atonement and righteousness, when He died. For so, and so only, could they be put away. But, as risen, I come into the holiest, not only because I am cleared from sins (a process which, in itself, went no farther than judicial acknowledgement of me where I was responsible), but according to all the value of that in which Christ is entered in. This, I repeat, is our only proper present position ; because the old man, who was the responsible man in this world, is viewed as dead and buried, so that we are not in the flesh (Rom. viii. 9). Hence, though we were responsible, and the sins were borne and atoned for, we are not at all now in the place, and condition, or nature, in which that government and dealing took place ; it is over for us. The bullock, the fullest and highest value of Christ's sacrifice, is ours, and represents our present standing. The two goats clearly shew that the same one sacrifice, of course, applies to.